MR. E K. MADHAVAN: May I know how long these pupils were exposed to sun and rain?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It is not so bad as that. We people who live here, know that if you do not thatch in a particular month, it would be difficult to do it after the monsoon has set it. But the pupils will not absolutely be exposed to sun and rain.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether it will not be economical to have the building tiled instead of thatching each time?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Certainly. In view of the heavy cost of the cadjans, I have sent in a proposal to Government regarding to progressive tiling of such buildings.

MR P. G. THOMAS: May I know whether the honourable member knows that monsoon set in early in Edavam this year?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: He was aware, but did not anticipate it.

Permission to start English Middle Schools.

324. ❋MR. P. S. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Muslim applicants who applied for permission to start English Middle Schools in the years 1119, 1120 and 1121 with respective places in which they wanted to start the schools; and

(*b*) to state the number of applications for which permission was granted and the number for which permission was denied?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

(*a*) 1119—Nil.
1120—One at Kaniapuram.
1121—Three (Kaniapuram, Chithara and Changanacherry).

(*b*) 1119—The question does not arise.
1120—The application was declined.
1121—The application for a new school at Kaniapuram was sanctioned, the school being permitted to be opened from 1947-48. The other two were ordered to lie over in view of the impending reforms of the middle schools next year.

English Schools.

325. ❋MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of English schools started this year;

(*b*) whether any primary school was newly begun; and

(*c*) the number of schools of each category begun by the Government and by private agencies?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) The question is vague.

(*b*) Yes.

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